

**MAY/JUNE**

**2004**



## Trees on Maine Street Bulletin

### IN THE WORKS



**Korean Maple**  
(*Acer pseudosieboldianum*)

This lovely little tree, a hardy native of Korea and Manchuria, has eye-catching fall foliage in hues of orange, scarlet, and crimson. Its two-inch-wide leaves have nine to 11 sharply pointed lobes with double-toothed edges. Its leaves are a beautiful reddish-bronze when new, in addition to their fall splendor.

Mature height: 18' to 24'.

Rate of growth: moderate.

Life expectancy: intermediate; 25 to 50 years.

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## MAINE FOREST SERVICE PROJECT CANOPY

*In Nebraska, on January 4, 1872, J. Sterling Morton first proposed a tree planting holiday to be called "Arbor Day." The date was set for April 10, 1872. Prizes were offered to counties and individuals for properly planting the largest number of trees on that day. It is estimated that more than one million trees were planted in Nebraska on the first Arbor Day. In 1885, Arbor Day was named a legal holiday in Nebraska and April 22, Morton's birthday, was selected as the date for its observance.*

*During the 1870's, other states passed legislation to observe Arbor Day, and the tradition began in schools in 1882. Some states, including Maine, dedicate a whole week to celebrate Arbor Day. Historically, Maine observed Arbor Day in late April, a time of year when much of the state experiences cold, winter weather. It wasn't until 1978, when a group of students and their teacher from Dover-Foxcroft, thwarted by snow and frozen ground in their efforts to observe Arbor Day in April, asked Maine's Legislature to establish Arbor Week in May. The Legislature, impressed by the arguments of the 6th graders who came to Augusta as a class to speak for their bill, agreed to make the change. Maine now celebrates Arbor Week during the third full week in May.*

*Arbor Week is a time to reflect upon the enormous resource we have here in Maine - our trees! They provide us with numerous environmental, economic, aesthetic, and social benefits. In celebration of Arbor Week, many activities and events will be held throughout the state. Maine's annual Arbor week celebration and awards ceremony will be held on May 21, at 10:30 a.m., at the Pine Tree State Arboretum in Augusta.*

*For more information please contact Michael DeBonis, Project Canopy Director, at 207-287-4987 or [michael.debonis@maine.gov](mailto:michael.debonis@maine.gov)*

### MAINE ARBOR DAY POSTER CONTEST WINNER ANNOUNCED

Alysha Dutil, a fifth-grade student at Manchester Elementary School, is the Maine state winner of the 2004 Arbor Day National Poster Contest. Alysha will be honored at Maine's Arbor Week celebration, in Augusta, on May 21.

Dutil's poster was selected as the 2004 state winner by a panel of judges from the Pine Tree State Arboretum, the Maine Department of Conservation, Project Learning Tree, and the Small Woodlot Owners Association of Maine. The contest, sponsored by The National Arbor Day Foundation, Toyota, and the Maine Department of Conservation, asked students to create a poster reflecting the theme "Trees are Terrific ...in cities and towns!" The annual contest educates children about the importance of planting and caring for trees in our cities and towns.

More than 300 fifth-grade students from 13 schools participated this year. As the winner, Dutil will receive a \$100 savings bond, a tree planted in her honor at her school, and several tree related books and prizes. Dutil is also a finalist in the national contest. Allie Hammond, a student at Rangely Lakes Regional School is the first runner up. Laura Beal, a student at the Friendship Village School is second runner up. Both will receive prizes from the National Arbor Day Foundation and the Maine Department of Conservation.

### TREES AND PARKING LOTS

Parking lots occupy about 10 percent of the overall land in U.S. cities, and can occupy as much as 20 to 30 percent of downtown areas. Large areas of asphalt and other impervious surfaces contribute to environmental concerns such as the heat island effect, reduced air quality, and storm water runoff. Dr. Kathy Wolf of the University of Washington has just published a report that summarizes the municipal "green law" of numerous cities and towns (with a focus on the SE United States), with regard to landscaping and trees in parking lots. Multiple examples of regulatory tools are provided, demonstrating how communities can improve sustainability of urban areas. You can access this report on-line at: <http://www.cfr.washington.edu/research.envmind/transportation.html>

### CONGRATULATIONS TO MAINE'S 2003 TREE CITIES

Maine is proud to have fourteen communities achieve Tree City USA status for 2003. Tree City USA is a program sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation that recognizes communities with outstanding community forestry programs. Maine's Tree Cities are: Augusta, Bath, Camden, Farmington, Hallowell, Kennebunkport, Orono, Portland, South Portland, Waterville, Westbrook, and Yarmouth. And we are pleased to announce the Cities of Auburn and Lewiston as first time Tree City USA recipients. The cities of Augusta and Bath have also received 2003 growth awards, for going above and beyond the Tree City USA standards. For information on the Tree City USA Program, or to learn how your community can become a Tree City USA, please call Project Canopy at 1-800-367-0223.

### GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

The Aristotle Fund, a component fund of the Maine Community Foundation (MCF), will provide grants of up to \$15,000 to organizations to improve or create opportunities for youth and/or to protect the environment in Maine. Last year the fund awarded a total of \$125,000 to 20 different organizations. The deadline for submitting proposals is May 15. More information and application forms are available at [www.mainecef.org](http://www.mainecef.org) or by calling 877-700-6800 (toll free). Specific questions about the fund should be directed to Pam Cleghorn or Ann Tartre in MCF's southern Maine office, at 761-2440.

The Maine Community Foundation also seeks grant requests from non-profit organizations that promote the conservation and preservation of land. MCF anticipates that approximately \$17,000 will be available in 2004, with grants ranging from \$500 to \$5,000. Preference will be given to projects in York, Cumberland, Franklin, and Lincoln counties, but proposals from other parts of the state will be considered. May 15 is the deadline. For complete application guidelines, call 877-700-6800 or visit [www.mainecef.org](http://www.mainecef.org). MCF prefers proposals that promote collaboration, resource sharing and, if appropriate, merging of land trusts.



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“As trustees, we ought to bequeath to posterity as many forests and orchards as we have exhausted and consumed.”

- J. Sterling Morton

# LINKING UP

# UP AND COMING

## OAK WILT: PEOPLE AND TREES

A new training tool on CDROM, this self-paced short course was designed as a learning tool for urban and community foresters, city administrators, tree inspectors, parks and recreation staff, and others involved in oak wilt management. The CD is available at no charge as a technology transfer product from the North Central Research Station and Northeastern Area, State and Private Forestry branch of the USDA Forest Service. Copies of the 2003 version can be ordered through the North Central Research Station's website at: <http://ncrs.fs.fed.us/pubs/products/oakwiltorder.asp>

## HARVESTING URBAN TIMBER

The first text-reference manual on the subject of "Harvesting Urban Timber" deals with the new aspect of looking at urban forest tree removals as an asset instead of a liability. Written by Sam Sherrill <http://www.harvestingurbantimber.com/book.html>.

## MARKETABLE WOOD FROM URBAN AREAS

For information about marketable tree species in urban areas, please go to the following website: [http://www.fs.fed.us/na/morgantown/frm/cesa/rmt/rmt\\_index.html](http://www.fs.fed.us/na/morgantown/frm/cesa/rmt/rmt_index.html). Once there, click on "Chapter III: Product & Specifications", then go to publication page number 9. You will find a list of "General Species Desirability." This is fairly accurate for most of the northeast, if not the entire east, assuming that local market niches will vary. This listing is for tree species that are currently mature/being removed for safety reasons (stock that was planted 50+ years ago).

## WHY INVEST IN TREES?

The Massachusetts Urban Forestry Program has a number of fact sheets at their website on various community tree issues including "Why Invest in City / Town Trees" at [www.state.ma.us/dem/programs/forestry/urban/WhyInvest-0301.pdf](http://www.state.ma.us/dem/programs/forestry/urban/WhyInvest-0301.pdf).

## May

- 6** Living and Extinct Birds of Maine with Michael Smith. 6 PM, Pine Tree State Arboretum, Augusta. Contact PTSA at 207-621-0031 FMI.
- 17-22** Maine Arbor Week. Events throughout the state. Contact Mike DeBonis at 207-287-4987 FMI.
- 17-21** Tree Seedling Sale. 10 AM- 1 PM. Pine Tree State Arboretum. Call 207-621-0031 FMI.
- 19-22** Forest Stewards Guild Annual Meeting – Making Forestry Matter: Forging a New Forestry Community. University of Maine, Orono. FMI or to register call 877-699-0037 or visit [www.foreststewardsguild.org](http://www.foreststewardsguild.org)
- 20** 4 PM- 7PM Open House for the new Trees and Woodlands Education Wing of the Pine Tree State Arboretum. Contact PTSA. Call 207-621-0031 FMI.
- 20** City of Bath Arbor Week Celebration. Tree expert and author, Mary K. Reynolds, of the New Hampshire State Forester's Office, will be the honored speaker, on May 20, at the Winter Street Center, at 7:00. Contact Letha Bennett at 443-8345 FMI.
- 21** Maine Arbor Week Awards Ceremony. Pine Tree State Arboretum. Contact Mike DeBonis at 207-287-4987 FMI.
- 22** Tree selection for the home landscape. Pine Tree State Arboretum. Call 207-623-2371 FMI or to register.
- 25-26** Urban Tree Risk Management Training. University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland. Cost \$85.00. A brochure and presentation bio is attached or can be downloaded from the MACUCF web site at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/na/morgantown/macucf/index.htm>

## June

- 24** 4:30 PM – 8 PM Pine Tree State Arboretum Annual Meeting and Volunteer Picnic. Contact PTSA at 207-621-0031 FMI.
- 25** 9 AM Guided Tour of the Pine Tree State Arboretum for Whatever Week. Call 207-621-0031 FMI.

## July

- 17** 3rd Annual MAA Climbing Jamboree. Tentatively scheduled to occur in Portland's Deering Oaks Park. Contact Mike Fowler at 207-329-8008 FMI

## August

- 7-11** ISA 80th Annual Conference & Trade Show. David Lawrence Convention Center, Pittsburgh, PA. For registration information visit [www.isa-arbor.com](http://www.isa-arbor.com)

If you would like to put your community's activity on the calendar, please let one of the editors know by the 15th of each month.

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